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In re Application of:

BENOIT CRISTOL

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For: PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING THE PARTICLE SIZE
IN A BAYER CIRCUIT PRECIPITATION SYSTEM,
INCLUDING AN AGGLOMERATION PHASE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Director of Patent and Trademark Services
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Sir:

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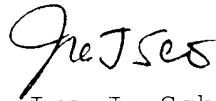
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